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Mayor Andrew Young To Be One of Speakers During Black History Month at the Library

Mayor Andrew Young

Andrew Young, mayor of Atlanta, will be the keynote speaker for the Library of Congress observance of Black History Month during February. Setting the theme for the celebration, Mayor Young will discuss the topic, "The Constitutional Status of Afro-Americans into the 21st Century," on Tuesday, February 9, at 10 a.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Thomas Jefferson Building. The public is invited to attend this program and all other Black History Month events at the Library which are free of charge and require no tickets. Large groups, however, can only be accommodated by advance registration; for further information, call Roberta Phillips at (202) 287-5479.

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Library Exhibit Highlights Virginia Ratification of U.S. Constitution

In the second of a series of small exhibits relating to the life of James Madison that are being shown in Madison Memorial Hall of the James Madison Memorial Building, Library of Congress, a number of items have been selected from the Library's collections to illustrate the major role that Madison played in the Virginia convention for ratifying the U.S. Constitution which began meeting in Richmond, Va., on June 2, 1788.

Among the items in the exhibit are a letter from James Madison to George Washington dated June 4, 1788; a copy of the printed *Debates and Other Proceedings of the Convention of Virginia . . . 1788.* George Mason's draft of the proposed amendments to the Constitution agreed upon by the Antifederalist committee in the Virginia Ratification Convention; Edmund Pendleton's copy of the Constitution, which Pendleton, as president of the ratifying convention, had marked and used for reference during the debates; and engravings of four of the principal participants in the convention—Patrick Henry, Edmund Pendleton, James Madison, and George Mason.

At the time of the ratifying convention in Richmond, only eight of the nine states required had approved the new government, and the outcome in Virginia was uncertain. Proponents and opponents of the proposed Constitution were almost equally divided in the Virginia convention, and the next session of the Virginia General Assembly promised to contain an Antifederalist majority.

Fortunately for Madison, who was the leading proponent of the Constitution in Virginia, the Antifederalist leaders of the convention, George Mason and Patrick Henry, unwittingly aided him by insisting on a clause-by-clause examination of the Constitution. Madison's careful explanations, his calm demeanor, and his near-flawless logic succeeded in allaying the anxieties of the uncommitted delegates, and on June 25, 1788, the Virginia convention ratified the Constitution by a vote of 89 to 79. Technically, Virginia's ratification was unnecessary because the requisite ninth state, New Hampshire, had approved the document four days earlier. But Virginia was a critical state for the success of the Union both geographically and psychologically.

The exhibit will be on view indefinitely in the Madison Memorial Hall in the James Madison Memorial Building of the Library of Congress, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

Black History *(Continued from p. 17)*

The Howard University Jazz Ensemble will perform in the Coolidge Auditorium the previous week, on Wednesday, February 3, at 11 a.m. Founded in 1975 by its director, Fred Irby III, the group has performed in Europe, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Asia. The ensemble performed in the People's Republic of China in October 1986.

Charlynn Spencer Pyne, children's librarian, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, will speak on "We the People—Blacks and the American Constitution: The First 200 Years," at a brown bag lunch held by the Women's Program Office in the West Dining Room of the Madison Building, on Wednesday, February 17, at noon. A symposium on "Writing and Teaching Black History" will be held the next week, on Wednesday, February 24, at 10 a.m., also in the West Dining Room.

During the month of February a series of films will be shown on Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. and repeated at approximately 12 noon in the Mary Pickford Theater of the James Madison Memorial Building. On February 4, the program will be Part 1 of "A Different Drummer," a documentary tracing the history of Blacks in the United States military. Part 2 will be shown on February 11, and Part 3 on February 18. On February 24, there will be a screening of "Two Dollars and a Dream," a film about Black entrepreneurship.

This year's celebration of Black History Month is cosponsored by the Affirmative Action Office and the Women's Program Office of the Library of Congress; AFSCME Local 2477 (the Union); AFSCME Local 2910 (the Guild); CREA; and the Daniel A. P. Murray Afro-American Cultural Association.

Japan Foundation Publishes Bibliography of Books on Japan

The Japan Foundation (Park Bldg., 3-6 Kioichō, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102, Japan) has published *Catalogue of Books in English on Japan, 1945–1981,* a bibliography of almost 9,000 books, pamphlets, and special issues of periodicals, selected from English-language works issued in the United States, Japan, England, Canada, and other countries during the period 1945–1981. Covered are works in the humanities, the social sciences, and the socio-human aspects of the natural sciences. Entries are grouped under generalized headings, such as "Zen Buddhism," "World War II," "Political History, Political Affairs," "Immigration and Emigration," "Landscape Gardening," "Martial Arts," and "Haikai, Haiku," and are arranged according to the *Nippon Decimal Classification.* Bibliographies are noted.

The library of the Japan Foundation which superseded the former Kokusai Bunka Shinkōkai library, established in 1934, holds approximately 12,000 books on Japan in English and other European languages, for the use of visitors to Japan.

—Yoshiko Yoshimura

National Arctic Information Network Is Envisaged

The Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center, Anchorage, Alaska, has released a two-volume report under the title: *A National Arctic Information Network.* Authored by David M. Hickok, Barbara J. Sokolov, and Rita Dursi, the report is the outcome of an extensive study sponsored by the Division of Polar Programs of the National Science Foundation.

Numerous institutes involved in arctic information and data processing were visited and information specialists, users of information, and administrators were interviewed. On the basis of this thorough research, existing information activities are described as to the extent of their coverage, their availability to the public, and their usefulness and shortcomings. Various possible approaches to achieving a nationwide arctic information system are then considered and, finally, recommendations are made toward the most promising plan of action. Under the recommended approach, existing services would continue their separate functions (albeit with more coordination) and a central secretariat would undertake the task of providing the necessary linkage.

While the present study addresses only requirements of the United States, other countries, particularly Canada, could be integrated into the proposed system.

The Library's Cold Regions Bibliography Project in the Science and Technology Division, whose database is available to the public on the ORBIT system (Pergamon Infoline), is discussed as the largest single U.S. database for arctic studies, and is featured as an important component of the study's recommendations.

The report is available from the University of Alaska, Arctic Information and Data Center, 707 A St., Anchorage, AK 99501. The prices are $10 for vol. 1 (113 p.); $15 for vol. 2 (appendixes); and $20 for both volumes. Microfiche copies are $4.50 per volume. A separate 13-page executive summary is available free of charge.

Library Publishes More *Science Tracer Bullets*

Copies of the following science bibliographies may be obtained free on request from the Science Reference Section, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540; (Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.):

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Alzheimer's Disease. ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 87-2). February 1987. Compiled by Vivian O. Sammons, this literature guide provides basic reference material in the collections of the Library of Congress on the physical and behavorial aspects of this brain disorder as well as on the many aspects and problems of care-giving.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Cellular Radio. ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 87-3). May 1987. Compiled by George D. Havas, this literature guide provides basic reference material in the collections of the Library of Congress on the technology and use of cellular mobile radio telephones.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: The Future: Science and Technology Enter the 21st Century. ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 87-8). September 1987. Compiled by Jan Ezkovich, this literature guide provides basic reference material in the collections of the Library of Congress on the art and science of forecasting and planning for the future.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: The History of Technology. ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 87-4). March 1987. Compiled by Diana Niskern, this literature guide provides basic reference material in the collections of the Library of Congress on all aspects on the history and development of technology, with an emphasis on English-language texts.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Osteoporosis. ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 87-7). September 1987. Compiled by Vivian O. Sammons, this literature guide provides basic reference material in the collections of the Library of Congress on many aspects of this common, bone-thinning disease.

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LC Science Tracer Bullet: Stress: Physiological and Psychological Aspects. ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 87-6). May 1987. Compiled by Hisako Halasz, this literature guide provides basic reference material in the collections of the Library of Congress on the adverse effects of stress on physical and mental health.

Renovation Update

The **Main Reading Room** closed last month. Other changes have also been taking place and are planned in the near future as part of the renovation program.

The **Telephone Reference** operation of the Telephone Reference, Correspondence and Bibliography Section has been relocated from Alcove 7 to the Main Reading Room to Room LJ 132 in the Jefferson Building. The **Jefferson Congressional Reading Room** has moved from Alcove 8 of the Main Reading Room to Room LJ 122E in the Jefferson Building.

The **Center Room** of the fifth floor of the Adams Building opened to the public last month. It includes a computer catalog center, a copy center, and book service.

The **Main Card Catalog** has been relocated to the Adams Building, Deck 7 South. **City telephone directories** have also been relocated to Adams Deck 7 South.

Additional changes have been the openings of **Research Guidance Office stations** at the entrance to the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room and the Social Science Reading Room and the **Catalog Management Filing Section's** move from Room 140F in the Jefferson Building to Deck 8 in the Adams Building.

CDS Publications

Ongoing Publications

The following publications are now available from the Library of Congress Cataloging Distribution Service, Washington, DC 20541:

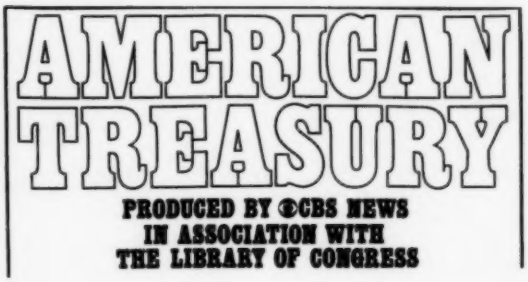
Library of Congress Additions and Changes. List 227, July-September 1987. Annual subscription for 1987 is $60.

National Union Catalog. Audiovisual Materials. September 1987. Annual subscription for 1987 is $90 (domestic) or $100 (foreign).

National Union Catalog. Books. September 1987. Annual subscription for 1987 is $500 (domestic) or $585 (foreign).

National Union Catalog. Register of Additional Locations. September 1987. Annual subscription for 1987 is $175 (domestic) or $195 (foreign).

New Serial Titles. A Union List of Serials Held by Libraries in the United States and Canada. ISSN 0028-6680. October 1987 (370 p.) Annual subscription for 1987 is $350.



This week's question, drawn from the CBS News "American Treasury" series, broadcast each weekday at 3:57 p.m. (EST) on the CBS Television Network is:

What is the origin of the term "fashion plate" and why are well-dressed women called this?

Answer to last week's question: The football "huddle" was invented by Gallaudet University, the nation's only college especially for the deaf. Plays were passed to team members with hand signals which the opposing side learned to read, until the Gallaudet players began gathering in a tight circle.

Correction

The author of the Report from the Association of Jewish Libraries (LC *Information Bulletin*, December 14, 1987, p. 547-550) was Theodore Wiener.

STAFF NEWS

Thirty-Sixth Intern Class Is Set to Graduate

The 1987-1988 Library of Congress Intern Program, which began on September 8, will be graduating on January 26. The purpose of the Library's Intern Program is to recruit and develop, on a continuing basis, highly qualified individuals who have the demonstrated ability, interest, and potential for making significant professional contributions to the Library.

This year's class is made up of six recent library school graduates and five Library staff members. The eleven members of this year's class have been participating in an intensive orientation program extending over a period of 20 weeks. The experience is intended to enable the interns to view the Library's activities as complementary parts of one organization; to gain an understanding of the history, organization, functions, relationships, and management concepts of the Library; to develop an awareness of the Library's goals, objectives, and decision-making processes; and to become knowledgeable in the operational concepts, procedures, policies, and problems of the Library. The goals of the program are achieved through lectures, seminars, discussions, tours, and work assignments.

Shown above on The Librarian's balcony, with the dome of the Jefferson Building in the background, are the members of this year's class (left to right): Myron B. Chace, Photoduplication Service, Management Services; Elizabeth Lane, University of Michigan; Linda T. Stubbs, MARC Editorial Division, Processing Services; Peter Galley, Office of the Assis-

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tant Librarian for Research Services; David Lucas Graves, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Karen M. G. Howell, University of California at Los Angeles; Cynthia A. Cunningham, University of Washington; Linda C. Redmond, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; Peter Giordano, Simmons College; Jacqueline Coleburn, Cataloging Division, Copyright Office; and Erik Delfino, Rutgers University. C. Dawn Thompson, Cataloging Division, Copyright Office, is on special assignment as the intern program coordinator. This year's professional advisor is Margaret E. Whitlock, Congressional Reference Division, Congressional Research Service.

New Members Are Sought for Women's Program Advisory Committee

Twelve new members will be selected in March to serve on the Women's Program Advisory Committee. Vacancies this year in various Library departments are as follows: one each in Copyright, National Programs, Processing Services, and the Congressional Research Service, and two vacancies each in Research Services, Management Services, the Law Library, and the Office of The Librarian. The new members will serve two-year terms (until March 1990).

Staff members interested in serving on the committee should submit a memorandum of interest to their department heads by Friday, February 12. Interviews will be conducted at the departmental level, after which the department head will submit a list of three persons for each vacancy, in ranked order, to The Deputy Librarian of Congress, by Friday, February 26. The Deputy Librarian will make the final selection by March 16.

The membership of the Women's Program Advisory Committee reflects a cross section of Library staff members with respect to such factors as sex, race, national origin, age, handicap status, and grade level. The members advise and assist the Women's Program Office in such activities as maintaining information on child care facilities, expanding a Women's Program Resource Center, planning programs, and communicating information to the staff. Volunteers for the committee should be actively interested in improving the status of women at the Library and contributing to the success of the Women's Program Office and the Advisory Committee.

WRA Seeks Nominees For 1988 Officers

The Library of Congress Welfare and Recreation Association (WRA) is now accepting nominations for elections of officers to serve in 1988. Staff members who are prepared to donate their time and hard work to WRA are encouraged to contact Dianna D. Sanders, ext. 79885, no later than January 22. The election will follow one week from the deadline. Vacant offices are Vice President, Correspondence Secretary, and Business Manager.

Library Acts To Upgrade Its Telecommunications System

The Library is working with the Architect of the Capitol and AT&T to improve the Library's communications system by utilizing some of the recent developments in communications technology. Plans are being made for the installation of a digital switch AT&T System 85. System 85 is a computer-controlled private branch exchange (PBX) telephone switching system. It will enable the Library to fully control and monitor its own telephone facilities and will provide a cost savings over the existing public central exchange configuration.

System 85 also offers the potential for handling telephones, computer terminals, personal computers, printers, and video equipment through one integrated system. Library and AT&T officials are currently conducting a survey of all voice and data communications equipment at the Library to determine the optimum configuration for the System 85.

There will be a series of briefings for Library management and staff to discuss the impact of the System 85 and future possibilities.

Gary L. Capriotti Is Appointed Deputy Director of LERO

Gary L. Capriotti has been named deputy director of the Library Environment Resources Office, effective November 23, 1987.

A native of West Virginia, Mr. Capriotti graduated from West Virginia University in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He then became affiliated with Melpar, Inc., in Virginia, first as flight simulation engineer and later as facilities

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engineer. Mr. Capriotti came to the Library of Congress in 1971 and was assigned to the Buildings Management Office as a space management specialist to do space layouts and move planning. In 1974 he was promoted to an engineering position and became more closely involved in coordinating projects with the Office of the Architect of the Capitol.

As the result of a Library-wide reorganization, Mr. Capriotti was assigned to the Library Environment Resources Office in 1976 to help coordinate the preparation of space in the James Madison Memorial Building and was the principal designer of the move plan for the occupancy of that building. He has been a key figure in space utilization planning for the Madison Building as well as for the Jefferson and Adams buildings currently being renovated. He has been one of the principal Library officers in coordinating renovation planning and construction efforts with the Office of the Architect of the Capitol. He has become a recognized expert in project planning and project management at the Library of Congress.

Mr. Capriotti has served on Library task forces and advisory committees and has been the recipient of meritorious service and special achievement awards and outstanding performance ratings.

Mr. Capriotti is also active in community and youth soccer activities. He is an area chief referee for the American Youth Soccer Organization, a High School Federation soccer official in West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, and a national collegiate (NISOA) soccer official. He resides in Shepherdstown, W. Va., with his wife Sharon, and children, Teresa, 16, and Jason, 14.

Special Interest Groups in February

The Library of Congress Professional Association (LCPA) invites all Library of Congress employees and LCPA members to attend the following Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in February. *These informal lunchtime meetings last 30 minutes, from 12:10–12:40 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the month (Note: Foreign Area Studies SIGs meet at 11:30 a.m.). Brown bag lunches are welcome.*

February 2—SIG on Performing Arts: Peter Fay, head librarian, Kennedy Center Performing Arts Library, speaks on "The Goals and Functions of the Performing Arts Library." Room LM 642.

February 4—SIG on Foreign Area Studies: Malinda K. Goodrich, research analyst, Federal Research Division, speaks on "Talking with Soviets: Working at the USIA Exhibit in Moscow" (illustrated with slides). Room LM 642, 11:30 a.m.

February 11—SIG on American Studies/Special Collections: Harold Leich, Russian/Soviet area specialist, European Division, speaks on "Recent Trends in Russian-Soviet Area Studies." Room LM 642.

February 16—SIG on Ethnic Resources: David Nieto, acquisitions librarian, Deposits and Acquisitions Division, Copyright, speaks on "Reforma—National Association to Promote Library Service to Spanish Speakers" (illustrated with slides). Room LM 642.

February 23—SIG on Library Science: Vicky Wullf, dance reference librarian, Kennedy Center Performing Arts Library, speaks on "Access to Dance Studies Research." Room LM 642.

Videotape Tour of the Library Wins Gold Screen Award

The National Association of Government Communicators presented its Gold Screen Award for Outstanding Audiovisual Production to the Information Office of the Library of Congress and Matrix Media, Inc., for *A Tour of the Library of Congress*. Pictured above, at the awards ceremony, held on November 19, are Craig D'Ooge, public affairs specialist, Library of Congress (left); Nancy F. Bush, information officer, Library of Congress; Elise Reeder of Interface Video Systems, one of the judges; and Jim Cummins, Matrix Media, Inc. (Photo by Planned Photograhy, Vince Finnigan and Assoc.)

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Sunday, January 24
☐ U.S. Marine Band concert. Coolidge Auditorium, 3 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

Tuesday, January 26
☐ "The Right to Read; An Aspect of the Civil Rights Movement in the South," Ardie Myers, Afro-American specialist, Main Reading Room. Special Interest Group on Libary Science. LCPA. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Friday, January 29
☐ Concert by the Theater Chamber Players of Kennedy Center, directed by Leon Fleisher and Dina Koston. Free; no tickets required.

Friday, January 31
☐ U.S. Marine Band concert. Coolidge Auditorium, 3 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

Tuesday, February 2
☐ "The Goals and Functions of the Performing Arts Library," Peter Fay, head librarian, Kennedy Center Performing Arts Library. Special Interest Group on Performing Arts, LCPA. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Wednesday, February 3
☐ Howard University Jazz Ensemble. Part of the Library's observance of Black History Month. Coolidge Auditorium, 11 a.m. Free; no tickets required.

☐ "A Different Drummer," and "Two Dollars and a Dream," films screened as part of the Library's observance of Black History Month. Mary Pickford Theater, 11:15 a.m. and repeated at 12 noon.

Thursday, February 4
☐ "Talking with the Soviets: Working at the USIA Exhibit in Moscow" (illustrated), Malinda K. Goodrich, research analyst, Federal Research Division. Special Interest Group on Foreign Area Studies, LCPA. Room LM 642, 11:30 a.m. **For members and staff.**

Events are open to the public unless otherwise noted.

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